REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, and 14 have been amended to further define the invention. No new matter has been added through this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-19 were rejected as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,844,918 to Kato in view of the Applicants admitted prior art. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be removed in light of the amendments contained herein.

Claims 1, 7, and 14 have been amended to clarify that the pointer region is separate from the memory containing the packet. Kato requires that the data memory stores the packet for transmission and also receives the retransmission signal. Thus, the signal for retransmission must be decoded by the decode logic of the memory storing the packet. As can be seen, claims, 1, 7, and 14 do not require this as the retransmission signal is directed to the pointer region, which is separate from the memory storing the packet.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 774-6921**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP227). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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